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SUBJ: SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS IN AZORES

SUMMARY: LISBON NEWSPAPER FRONTPAGED SWISS ARTICLE ALLEGING  
EXISTENCE OF FOUR SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS IN AZORES. STORY CLAIMS  
GERMAN ANTIQUE WEAPONS DEALER IN LISBON, AZOREAN BUSINESSMEN AND  
LAWYERS, AND US CONSULATE EMPLOYEE ARE INVOLVED. END SUMMARY.

1. MARCH 5 SOCIALIST EVENING NEWSPAPER REPUBLICA CARRIED  
LENGTHY FRONT PAGE STORY TITLED QUOTE THERE ARE SEPARATIST  
MOVEMENTS IN THE AZORES UNQUOTE. REPUBLICA ARTICLE IS BASED ON  
FEB 20 STORY IN ZURICH NEWSPAPER TAGES-AUZEIGER WRITTEN BY  
WALTER DEUBER.

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2. THEME OF STORY IS THAT THERE ARE AZOREAN MOVEMENTS WHOSE

SLOGAN IS SEPARATION FROM RED PORTUGAL AND WHOSE GOAL IS TO TRANSFORM THE AZORES INTO A PARADISE FOR BANKS, BUSINESS, AND VACATIONS, WITH FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON THE SWISS MODEL.

3. ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT DEUBER TALKED WITH A GERMAN CITIZEN, NOW LIVING IN LISBON SUBURB, WHO IS AN ANTIQUE ARMS DEALER AND IS SUPPORTING ONE OF THE AZORES INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS AS PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR. GERMAN IS SAID TO HAVE BOUGHT PROPERTY IN AZORES AS REFUGE.

4. GERMAN IS ALLEGED TO HAVE SAID THAT FOUR SEPARATIST MOVEMENTS EXIST: MOVIMENTO PARA A AUTODETERMINACAO DO POVO ACORIANO (MAPA), MOVIMENTO PARA A INDEPENDENCIA DOS ACOES (MIA), MOVIMENTO PARA A INDEPENDENCIA DA MADEIRA E DOS ACOES (MIMA) AND FOURTH UNNAMED GROUP. ALL OPERATE CLANDESTINELY EXCEPT MAPA, AND HAVE RADIO TRANSMITTERS AND ARMS FROM SAPIN.

5. ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY THAT EVERY DAY THERE ARE GETTOGETHERS OF BUSINESSMEN, LAWYERS, AND LANDOWNERS AT THE CAFE ROYAL IN PONTA DELGADA. THIS GROUP IS SAID TO BE INCREASINGLY OPPOSED TO THE LISBON GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS ATTEMPTING TO ELIMINATE THE FEUDAL STRUCTURE AND DEVELOP THE AZORES ECONOMY WITH A LONG TERM PROGRAM. ONE OF GROUP IS MELO BENTO, QUOTE AN OLD ADHERENT OF CAETANO'S FASCIST PARTY UNQUOTE.

6. ARTICLE GOES ON TO SAY QUOTE AMONG THE CAFE CUSTOMERS IS VICTOR CRUZ, MEMBER OF MAPA AND PORTUGUESE SECRETARY IN THE US CONSULATE IN PONTA DELGADA UNQUOTE.

7. NOTE FROM REPUBLICA EDITORS AT END OF ARTICLE MENTIONS HOW STRANGE IT IS THAT THIS INFORMATION SHOULD APPEAR IN A SWISS NEWSPAPER. NOTE JUSTIFIES PRINTING ARTICLE ON GROUNDS OF SERIOUSNESS OF MATTER AND THE NEED FOR OBJECTIVITY, (NO DOUBT HAVING IN MIND THIS WEEK'S STRONG WARNING BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO NEWSPAPER A CAPITAL AFTER IT PRINTED SENSATIONAL GERMAN STORY ABOUT PLANNED CIA COUP IN PORTUGAL).

8. ACTION REQUESTED: THIS CABLE NOT SENT PONTA DELGADA. REQUEST DCM OKUN HAND CARRY FROM LAJES.

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